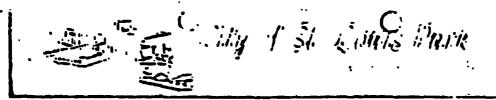
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Mr. T. J. Ryan, Vice President Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation Il South Meridia Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. Ryan:

In the last edition of the local newspaper, a news article was carried relative to the clusing of the Republic Creasote Company within St. Louis Park. While we have had some indication from your plant officials that your refinery was going to be closed, no official information was given to the City that you plan to close completely the Republic Creesete Company's operation.

Based upon this news item, the City Council at its regular Council meeting, authorized its staff to negotiate for the purchase of the land owned by your Company in St. Louis Park. We have received your communications relative to the sale of this land from Mr. Tom Refersgord and are extremely interested in negotiating with whatever officials you feel proper. Before we arrange any meetings to discuss the purchase or an option to purchase this lend, I would like to do some investigative work relative to cost and other data. Therefore, I would very much like to officially advise you at this time that the City of St. Louis Park is interested in purchasing the Republic Creosote property in St. Louis Park and are willing and ready to negotiate with your firm such a purchase. I would suggest that perhaps we attempt to arrange a meeting in mid-April to discuss this matter, if convenient.

Thank you for your cooperation.

City Manager

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Thomas E. Reiersgord Herb Pinch

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